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MEDIA BUREAU ACTION

Electronic Filing of the Annual Signal Leakage Report Commences

Cable operators and other Multichannel Video Programming Distributors (MVPDs) may now file the Basic Signal Leakage Performance Report (FCC Form 320) *via* the Cable Operations And Licensing System (COALS). To encourage online filing, the deadline for 2003 reports for operators electing to file electronically is extended to February 29, 2004. Operators are reminded that 2003 filings submitted late pursuant to this extension do not satisfy the requirement to file a report in 2004

Online filing for cable community registrations and operator changes commenced following a September 30, 2003 *Public Notice* (DA 03-2296). Use of COALS continues to be optional. Additional filings for MVPDs, including Aeronautical Frequency Notifications and the Annual Report of Cable Television Systems, will become available online as they are ready.

Users can access the electronic filing system to view or submit filings *via* the Internet at:

Primary URL: https://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/csb/coals/index.html **Alternate URL:** https://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/csb/coals/index.html

The COALS Users' Manual can be downloaded from the COALS web site. We note that some functions described in the Users' Manual are still under construction.

This action is taken pursuant to the Report and Order on Amendment of the Commission's Rules for Implementation of its Cable Operations And Licensing System (COALS) to Allow for Electronic Filing of Licensing Applications, Forms, Registrations and Notifications in the Multichannel Video and Cable Television Service and the Cable Television Relay Service, 18 FCC Rcd 5162 (2003).

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